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Directory, post guide to be ready in June

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

The 2003-04 Redstone Arsenal Telephone Directory and Post Guide will be issued in early June, a month earlier than last year, so changes and updates are due by Feb. 24.

"Last year a lot of effort went into making the telephone directory more user-friendly," Geneva Murphy, a telecommunications specialist in the Corporate Information Center's information assurance branch, said. "Nearly everyone pitched in to help make sure that the information published in the directory was as up-to-date and as accurate as possible."

Of course it is unlikely that a telephone book will be entirely accurate when published. However, if everybody does their part, there should be fewer errors.

Errors most often occur in the directory's personnel section. "It is the responsibility of each Redstone employee to ensure that his or her name, organization, and phone number is correct," Murphy said. "Everyone needs to go to the web and check their information under 'Update Your Directory Information.' People just assume that CIC is supposed to do it, but we're not. It is up to each individual."

The only changes to the personnel section that should be submitted include any deletions or additions, new employees, changes to employee's job title, and correct organizational names. Each organization is also responsible for checking and deleting personnel who are no longer employed, for whatever reason.

Changes regarding the directory may be e-mailed to Murphy at Geneva.murphy@redstone.army.mil or faxed to 876-1098.

The Public Affairs Office will also send out requests to organizations to update their text portions as published in the Post Guide. Copies of what was published in the last guide will be sent to make it easier to see any necessary changes that might be required. Workers are urged to carefully check all statistics listed, facts, figures, phone numbers, changes in mission and so on.

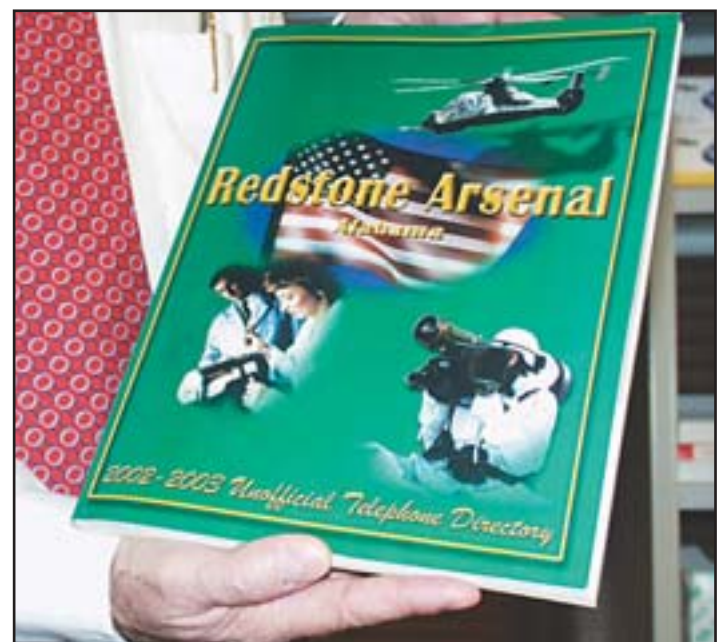


Photo by Skip Vaughn

OUT WITH THE OLD— The 2002-03 telephone directory will be replaced in June.

All changes should be made directly on the copies that will be mailed out and then faxed to 955-0133. If the entire text needs retyping, either send it on a disc to the Public Affairs Office or e-mail it to jim.bowne@redstone.army.mil of the Public Affairs Office. For more information, call Bowne at 955-9173.

"There is about a month-turnaround for collecting all the changes and information," Murphy said. "All corrected material needs to be returned either to the CIC (for the telephone directory) or to the Public Affairs Office (for the post guide) not later than Feb. 24."

Aviation maintenance work goes under command's wing

AMCOM gaining control of Fort Rucker operations

By BOB HUNT
For the Rocket

AMCOM will soon have a new mission and a few thousand more personnel under its operational control.

Beginning Feb. 1, the Aviation and Missile Command will assume operational control of all aviation logistics management functions at Fort Rucker, according to Dan Kruvand, acting director of maintenance at Integrated Materiel Management Center. Fort Rucker is the home of the Aviation Center where all Army aviators receive their initial and advanced rotary wing flight training.

"AMCOM will take control of the direct maintenance and supply requirements for more than 600 aircraft used in rotary wing

training, which account for about one-third of the entire Army Flying Hour Program," Kruvand said.

The genesis for the change in operational control was when Gen. John Abrams, then commander of the Training

"We are the experts in national maintenance and supply support. We believe we can extend that expertise into enhanced support of flight operations at Fort Rucker."

Dan Kruvand
Maintenance Directorate

and Doctrine Command, approached Gen. Paul Kern, commander of the Army Materiel Command, with an idea for enhancing fleet readiness at key TRADOC installations.

During the last fiscal year, Fort Rucker achieved about 99 percent of its daily mission requirements. But with about 115,000 student flight launches conducted in fiscal year 2002, that means more than 1,000 training flights were not conducted because of aircraft maintenance and supply issues, causing training delays.

So, AMCOM will take over maintenance and supply management of Fort Rucker's aviation fleet, as well as about 100 government personnel (half military and half civilian) and oversight of nearly 3,200 contractors who perform that work.

AMCOM will assume full command and control and award a new logistics support

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Letters to the editor

Judgment day comes for everyone

As an employee here at Redstone Arsenal for 35 years, I am a Vietnam vet, I supported the Gulf War, and I am still supporting the U.S. government during the time of need even this day. I have left my family for weeks at a time, but when it comes to fairness in the workplace, it's not there. I find it very strange that when it comes to promotion time, it's shameful. The commander talks about fairness in the workplace, but the giants/supervisors that you work for don't seem to think they have an appointment with death. Let me just say this, I will say to my soul: "Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thy ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Sometimes we think that we are going to live down here forever. "The Almighty said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Then something happens, you fall dead with a heart attack, stroke, cancer, etc. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." They have a funeral for us. Some may say he was a good man or woman. "But we are all as an unclean thing. And all our righteous-

ness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind have taken us away." This was your life....

Conclusions: Nobody else can save you. Trust the Son of Man today! "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Almighty, and shalt believe in thine heart that the Almighty, hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." "Admit you are a sinner. Be willing to turn from sin." Believe that the Son of Man died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. Through prayer, invite the Son of Man into your life to become your personal savior. If you trusted the Son of Man as your savior, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him now. Read your Book every day to get to know the Son of Man better. Talk to the Son of Man in prayer every day. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where the Son of Man is preached and the Book is the final authority, tell others about the Son of Man. Amen.

Wes Montgomery
RD&E Center

Readers invited to share ideas for early Christmas shopping

*Better to start now
to avoid headaches*

By **SANDY RIEBELING**
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While doing research back in December for a *Rocket* article about holiday spending tips, I found the same suggestion topping nearly every list: Start a Christmas club or savings account to keep the bah humbug out of your holiday budget.

It's great advice, but not in December. I also found several interesting and unique gift-giving ideas but at that late stage of the season, I didn't have the time to dig out hundreds of photos, buy albums and create a lasting gift of precious moments for my family, no matter how much I love them. I barely had time to stop by the mall after work and obsess



over choosing the gift least likely to be returned Dec. 26.

Standing in the checkout line, tired, frustrated and a tad nervous about whether my credit card could take another hit, I vowed not to do this to myself next year.

I love the holiday season. I love watching Christmas movies. I love gift-giving.

See Christmas on page 7

Parking shuttle service suggested

I just read the letters to the editor in the Jan 22 *Rocket* relative to handicap parking. Abuse may be happening; I would hope all who have this privilege are sincerely in need of parking closer to the buildings. However, my concern is for those that I see walking to the building using crutches, or in wheel chairs, etc., that can not walk at all. I think the government can provide a shuttle service to pick up those that need a ride to the door. If we can allow the blood mobile and VIPs to drive up to the building, we can make an

allowance for those needing this service. If it is raining, snowing or just a tremendous effort for some to get to the door (150 feet or more away), something can be worked out. If you need this service, why don't you send an e-mail to the facilities office and request this help? Let's invest in a golf cart and provide this service for the Sparkman Center just as they do in airports. It would be money well spent.

Jim Cothren
building 5309

An open lane random survey

What do you think of Redstone Arsenal's speed limits?

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Pvt. Robert Pepperling

"Tyler and I were riding by the church at maybe 2 miles over the speed limit and they thought we were racing. I think they're a little more strict than the off-post policemen."



Rhoda Fiotte, Sonia Hodges and Sevil Piedjes, vendors

"We all agree that we have to respect them. Soldiers walk here and you see children crossing the street. We hope no one violates the speed limits. We need them to keep us safe."



Pvt. Luis Gutierrez

"The speed limits here are too slow, but they are safe."



Charles Hancock, retired warrant officer

"I can remember when the speed limits here were much slower than they are now. I feel that they're pretty good and not too slow. They're not too fast because we don't want to be in a dangerous situation, either. I think they're about right."

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Exhibits section workers show signs of versatility

National Guard brigade gets graphical support

By PAM ROGERS
For the Rocket

Pretend for a minute you're an instructor at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and you need a model of a Stinger grip stock to use as a training aid. Where do you go? It's not something that's going to be just collecting dust in the supply closet.

Well, if you really were an OMEMS instructor, you would know that the folks in the Exhibits Section of the Directorate of Information Management can make exactly what you need, in as many copies as you need, with the exact amount of detail you need.

If you have flown into or out of Huntsville recently, you may have seen an example of the Exhibits Section's work in the display about Redstone just past the security checkpoint. They have the ability to fabricate just about anything out of wood, metal or plastic.

That's why the National Guard's new

31st Chemical Brigade chose them when they needed signs — a lot of signs — for use when their soldiers are in the field. The brigade needed high-quality signs that would give their soldiers pride in their affiliation and foster esprit de corps.

"We went out for bids," Gary Hunter, executive officer for the 278th Chemical Battalion, said. "They beat everyone downtown, price-wise, and we knew the quality and support we would receive."

Troy Moore, a Sverdrup employee who works in the graphics and training aids section, took a special interest in the project and turned out 24 full-color signs in 120 days, no small feat for a small shop.

"He and his group went above and beyond," Hunter said.

The signs feature a snarling green dragon, worthy of any nightmare, jealously guarding two retorts, symbol of the Chemical Corps. They're used to identify the various brigade, battalion and company headquarters when troops are out for training exercises. The shop also made the carrying cases for the signs.

"We're a jack-of-all-trades shop. We do a small amount of items with a very

quick turnaround," Moore said, adding that these characteristics are essential to their primary mission of supporting OMEMS.

As far as Hunter and the 31st were

concerned, though, the shop was an exact fit for their needs, delivering a product that not only provided a recognizable symbol for their brigade, but also assisting with recruiting and retention.



Courtesy photo

MASS PRODUCTION— The Exhibits Section produced 24p of these signs for the 31st Chemical Brigade.

Injury compensation staffers see benefits from web site

Workers injured on the job can now file their claims online.

The workers' compensation web site is available at the Aviation and Missile Command home page and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center home page.

The Injury Compensation Office of the CPAC has information, guidance, forms, electronic filing, and Department of Labor links to other sites for use by all employees of Team Redstone.

The site can be accessed at the AMCOM home page under the organization listings; choose CPAC, then choose Workers' Compensation Program, or you may access this site and mark it as a favorite by going to <http://wcw@redstone.army.mil>.

This site offers the following information to supervisors and employees:

- General and specific information

about the compensation office, its staff members and how to contact them.

- Supervisor's Handbook with instructions for completing commonly used forms and samples of forms' completion.

- Direct links to the AMCOM Policy and Regulation.

- Direct links to Department of Labor publications and forms.

- Tutorial and link to the Electronic Data Interchange System which allows CA-1 and CA-2 forms to be submitted electronically from the supervisor to the injury compensation specialist in the CPAC, and from there direct to OWCP.

Take a few minutes to view this web site and review the Electronic Data Interchange System tutorial. Electronic filing will expedite benefits for the injured employee, according to Debra Hammond and Dianne Bryant of the Injury Compensation Office.

'Willie and Joe' creator Bill Mauldin dies at 81

Renowned cartoonist served in World War II

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — World War II soldier-cartoonist Bill Mauldin, creator of the classic "Willie and Joe" characters, died Jan. 22 in a nursing home in Newport Beach, Calif.

Mauldin, 81, was weakened by Alzheimer's disease and had succumbed to pneumonia.

During World War II, then-Sgt. Mauldin earned fame for the cartoon exploits of his two unshaven, weary, but wry, Army infantrymen as they fought Hitler's Wehrmacht troops across Europe.

One of Mauldin's cartoons of the time shows a soldier pointing his 45-caliber automatic pistol at the hood of his jeep,

which has a flat tire.

Much beloved by rank-and-file troops, Willie and Joe made regular appearances in the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper and other military publications.

In 1945, the 23-year-old Mauldin earned a Pulitzer Prize for his wartime work, "Up Front," in which Willie and Joe played star roles.

Fourteen years later, he won another Pulitzer while working at the *St. Louis Dispatch* for his Cold War-era cartoon depiction of imprisoned Soviet novelist Boris Pasternak questioning another prisoner: "I won the Nobel Prize for Literature. What was your crime?"

Mauldin was born Oct. 29, 1921, in Mountain Park, N.M., and studied art in Chicago. He later joined the Arizona National Guard just before World War II. The Guard was federalized in 1940, and Mauldin became a U.S. Army soldier.

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Worker still spinning from gig on WH__L of FORT_N__

Game show taped in Nashville scheduled for telecast Feb. 17

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Cash, prizes, a television appearance, meeting his favorite country singer and a hug from Vanna White. Does life get any

better?

"It was one of the most exciting times of my life," Tom Stefo, database administrator for NATO Medium Extended Air Defense System Management Agency, said about his experience as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. "Of course, nothing compares to the excitement of meeting your wife and the birth of your children, but this was right up there after that."

Stefo will appear on the Feb. 17 airing of Wheel of Fortune, partnered with Pam Tillis, as team contestants for the game show's country music stars theme week. Although the taping took place Jan. 9 in Nashville, Stefo's not telling how much he won or if he made it to the final round.

"That would spoil the fun," he said. "I will say that everyone on the show won something."

It took a couple of months and sweating through two rounds of auditions to get the chance to spin the big wheel. Stefo said he's always wanted to be on The Price is Right but wasn't about to pass up the opportunity to audition for Wheel of Fortune when the Wheel Mobile visited the Oktoberfest in Lebanon, Tenn., last year.

"I got lucky just to get on the stage," Stefo, a retired Air Force master sergeant, said. "It was sort of like a lottery where you put your name in for a chance to go up on stage and play. They played three rounds. I was called for the third one. I didn't solve the puzzle so I figured I didn't have a chance of actually getting on the show."

The players were told they'd be contacted if they were going to get a second audition. Stefo was shocked when he received the call for the second audition at the Opryland Convention Center in Nashville.

"There were 250 people in the room that they were going to filter to 25," Stefo said. The hopefuls played a mini round of the game, took a five-minute written puzzle-solving test then filled out a survey listing their favorite stars in several categories such as professional football players, Winston Cup drivers, and country music stars.

Stefo got a call from the show's producer in December, inviting him to be a contestant on one of the shows that would be taped in Nashville for their country music stars theme week.

"I couldn't believe it at first. It was crazy. But when I got the packet in the mail a few days later, I knew it was real," he said, adding that it may have helped that he listed Pam Tillis as his favorite country singer.

Stefo arrived bright and early at the Grand Ole Opry Jan. 9 for the taping along with his wife, Karyn, three youngest children, Rebecca, 13, Taylor, 10, and Erica, 6, and his brother-in-law.

"I was one of 18 contestants," Stefo said, explaining that six shows were

going to be taped in one afternoon. "We got there at 8:30 and I was in the first group of shows that started taping at around 3:30."

The group of contestants met with the show's producer and lawyers right away and then were versed in all the rules and given tips on how to be better players. They got their first chance to spin the real wheel before lunch during a rehearsal.

"I had no idea how heavy that wheel is," Stefo said. "It weighs 1,000 pounds. It's a lot smaller than it looks on TV. While we were playing the crew was scampering around the stage, getting everything ready."

"The crew was great. They were bending over backwards to make us feel good," he said. "They were really nice people."

Contestants met their country music star partners about 15 minutes before show time.

"There was a lot of talent there," Stefo said. "I saw Ricky Scaggs. Wynonna (Judd) was there. Lorie Morgan. The reality of it all hit when the stars came out."

Nerves hit when the cameras started rolling.

"It was like a dream," he said. "Yeah, I guess I was nervous because I know there were times I drew a blank when I would have known it from the couch at home."

Details of the actual taping are a bit fuzzy for Stefo who played the game in the third position, with Billy Ray Cyrus on his right and Tillis on his left. Barbara Mandrell completed the country music star lineup for the game.

"We didn't get to talk to Pat or Vanna before the show but I did get a hug from Vanna afterwards. When I asked her if I could have a hug she said, 'Well, Tom, can I get a hug from you?'"

"It was a really great experience — the whole thing. Some of my co-workers know I was on the show but I don't want to talk about it much because the show hasn't aired yet," said Stefo, who came to work at NAMEADSMA in November. He retired in July from the Air Force after 26 years. The family landed in Fayetteville, Tenn., to be near Karyn's parents. Stefo also has two older children, Brad, 24, and Justin, 19, from a previous marriage.

"I don't know if I'll be able to watch the show with everybody around," he said. "I might have to have Karyn tape it so I can watch it by myself."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

I'D LIKE TO BUY A VOWEL— Tom Stefo, database administrator for NAMEADSMA, paired up with country music star Pam Tillis as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. He's staying tight-lipped about his winnings because the show doesn't air until Feb. 17 and he doesn't want to spoil the ending.

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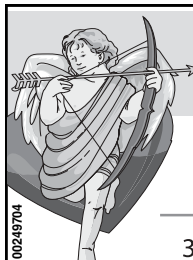
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Translators needed to invest time, talent at volunteer bank

Army Community Service partners with local agency to build community resource

By **SANDY RIEBELING**

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Tu puedes hablar spanol?

Han guk mal hal soo itsu yo?

If you do speak Russian, Spanish, Korean, or any other foreign language as well as English, Army Community Service and the Madison County Volunteer Language Bank would love to hear from you.

"We've got a lot of talent out here, a lot of resources that we just don't know about," Mary Breeden, relocation program manager at ACS, said. "I found out not too long ago that a couple of guys from Legal speak French. Last week I got a call from the (missile) school. They needed someone to translate Czech. I called the volunteer center and they had someone to help."

Breeden is referring to the Volunteer Center of Madison County which has, in the last few months, created a program called the Volunteer Language Bank, a pool of volunteers willing to translate for people in the community.

"We got a grant for the program from the National Children's Advocacy Center," Mary Green, program manager at Volunteer Center of Madison County, said. "They assessed the needs in the community and recognized that the language barrier is preventing people from getting their basic needs met. Things like medical care, social services and education. We're here to fill that need. But we have to get volunteers willing to help."

Because of their inability to speak and understand



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

WORKING TOGETHER— Mary Green, program manager at Volunteer Center of Madison County, left, and Mary Breeden, relocation program manager at Army Community Service, want to pool resources and create a deep well of translators able to volunteer both on and off post.

English, men, women and children in the community suffer. If they manage to find a doctor or hospital willing to see them, they can't answer basic questions to provide the information a doctor needs to diagnose and treat a problem. Even when the illness or injury is obvious, patients still need to understand doctor's orders for taking medication.

"Medical care is just one aspect," Green said. "We get calls from schools all the time. Students need help with very simple things like knowing when holidays are. Parents who don't speak English can't help their children and sometimes don't even realize there is a problem with their child because of the language barrier."

Both Green and Breeden are familiar with the popular school of thought that if people live in America, they should learn to speak the language. Neither disagree but learning a new language isn't easy or quick.

"They need help," Breeden said. "How are they going to know where the English classes are being taught if they can't read a flier printed in English? We need to fill that gap while they are learning."

Rather than try to establish two separate translator pools, Breeden and Green are working together to build one large database of translators. Military and family members can be great resources as volunteer translators but they also move in and out frequently. Coupling resources from the local community and the Arsenal will provide a more stable pool.

"If there are people out there willing to translate but only want to do it for the military or people on post, that's fine," Breeden said. "We can keep a separate list. But we need to know you're out there and willing to help."

Translators in every language are needed. Volunteers with the language bank are required to fill out an application which is where they can specify the types of service they are willing to provide — attending meetings and appointments to translate, assisting with forms and applications, written translation, etc.

"Right now we have 12 volunteers but we're hoping for many more," Green said. "We don't want to overwork anyone and with a bigger database, we can spread the work around better."

The Volunteer Language Bank will have a kickoff meeting Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Public Library to inform the public and community agencies about the availability and how to access services.

Orientation meetings for new volunteers are held monthly. For more information call Green at 539-7797, Breeden at 876-5397 or check the web site at www.volunteerhsv.org.

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New club promotes girl power at youth center



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

NEW IMAGE— Girls drink to good health during the first meeting of the newly formed Go Girl Go Club at the youth center. The club is open to girls in grades 6 through 12 to help create a healthy self-image and build inner strength. From left are: standing, Janeshia Henderson, 12, Sharee Brinson, 16, Courtney Williams, 14; sitting, Shekira Holloway, 14, Lauren Vaupel, 14, and Alyssa Dodd, 12. Team coordinator Yashica Smith pours the drinks.

Go Girl Go Club feeds self-image for teen-age girls

By **SANDY RIEBELING**

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The Go Girl Go Club at Redstone's youth center isn't just a new program for teen-age girls, it's a new attitude.

"We talk about girl issues," Yashica Smith, team coordinator at the youth center, said. "It's important for girls to feel good about who they are inside and out. Creating a positive body image is one of the things we focus on. We talk about social issues and how to handle situations in a more mature manner."

The Go Girl Go Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month and is open to girls in grades 6 through 12. The program is sponsored by the national Women's Sports Foundation and uses top female athletes from a variety of sports to deliver the girl power message.

In an essay from billiards gold medalist Jeanette Lee, also known as the Black Widow, she writes about how she felt when people called her, "...China girl, Chink and Ching, Chong, Chilly Wong," and how she was able to rise above prejudice and become the best of the best in her sport.

Many do not consider billiards or table tennis real sports but part of the program is geared to introduce non-traditional activities. Club material is divided into 16 sessions, each with a personal essay from an athlete, covering topics or issues that deal with girls' perceptions about them-

selves and the world around them.

Cheri Becerra-Madsen, paralympic medalist in track and field, talks about "getting high" while U.S. national ski champion Emily Cook deals with depression.

The material also presents situational challenges through fictional Go Girl characters that help lead the group into open discussion.

"These characters are black, Asian, Hispanic," Smith said. "They don't have perfect shapes or body sizes. Some have big bums or thighs, just like real girls. It's about being OK no matter what size you are."

While acceptance is important, Smith emphasizes healthy bodies and healthy habits. At their first meeting Jan. 14, Smith poured the girls a healthy juice drink from an unlabeled bottle and challenged them to name at least four of the ingredients.

"It's getting them to try something healthy," she said.

Pam Berry, youth education support director, wrote a grant requesting additional funds from the Women's Sports Foundation to sponsor different athletic events for the Go Girl Go program.

"Through this program we hope to give them more education, better conflict resolution skills, life strategies for dealing with the issues they face everyday," Smith said.

Club participation is open to daughters of military and civilian personnel, contractors and retirees who are registered with Child and Youth Services. CYS membership is \$15 a year.

The next meeting is Feb. 4 at 4:15 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call Smith at 876-5437.



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VFW ships 1 million phone cards to servicemembers

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Since late September, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has shipped 1 million free phone cards to servicemembers and to veterans.

Since the program's inception six years ago, 2 million prepaid phone cards have been sent to active and reserve component military members serving overseas and to hospitalized veterans, noted Ron Browning, assistant adjutant general for development at VFW headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

With deployments of U.S. troops on the upswing in

recent weeks, Brown pointed out that 45 percent of the total cards provided by the program have been delivered or shipped in the past 100 days.

"We're doing everything we can to physically meet the demand of the people being deployed," he remarked, suggesting it's especially important these days that servicemembers know that people care about them.

Brown said the VFW receives 400 to 500 thank-you cards a day from servicemembers who've used their prepaid phone cards.

Both corporate contributors, such as Wal-Mart and the National Football League, and individuals fund the phone card program, he said, noting the program relies

on an extensive network of volunteers.

The program is heating up, Brown said, as the VFW is receiving up to 50,000 requests a week for phone cards, compared to the 300 to 400 received in slower times. In fact, he said, an NFL web site promoting the program has generated orders for more than 40,000 phone cards. Historically, people such as parents, spouses, other relatives and military commanders have requested the cards for servicemembers and veterans, he said.

To request a phone card on behalf of a servicemember, visit www.operationuplink.org. To make a donation toward the purchase of cards for distribution, visit www.operationuplink.org/donate.cfm.

■ Holiday shoppers' corner seeks reader feedback

Christmas

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I love baking goodies and wrapping presents with pretty ribbons. But like so many, I put things off till the last minute and then let guilt and the expectations of others suck the joy out of the season. I end up spending my Christmas Eve alone, in the basement frantically wrapping presents after my kids have gone to bed.

Not this year. I'm changing my ways and taking Christmas one month at a time. Since the Army thrives on readiness, what better place to publish a monthly article on how to prepare for a stress free holiday, including unique (and cheap) holiday family traditions, gift making and giving ideas, tips on shopping early and finding bargains throughout the year.

We're calling on *Rocket* readers to contribute ideas to the column. Anything

to ease the holiday frenzy and add joy to the season would be much appreciated. We're also very interested in ideas specifically geared toward military families.

To get the ball rolling, I talked to Army spouse and Army Community Service volunteer Tracy Silvia about her Christmas traditions.

"I always do my shopping for next year at the after-Christmas sales," she said. "There were some great bargains and I've already got most of my shopping done. I usually finish in July. I put everything in layaway at the PX and pay on it until Christmas."

Even though she's out of the gate early, she knows she'll have to do some last minute shopping because, "something new always comes out," and because the family sponsors "angels" from the tree at the PX.

"Doing a little shopping at the holidays

is nice," she said. "It gets you in the spirit."

It's nice if you have the money, which is why Kristi Foster, Army Emergency Relief officer, urges people to open some sort of savings account for Christmas now.

"You may have to shop around for a bank that offers a Christmas Club or savings account without a minimum balance, but it's worth the effort. And don't get an ATM to that account so it's harder to get at. That helps avoid impulse spending. If you can't get the cash, you can't spend it."

I took Foster's advice and set up an account with automatic direct deposits right out of my paycheck. It's easier to save if I don't see the money first. I also shopped a few bargains for wrapping paper and supplies and picked up a few

generic gifts.

I noticed that some of the smaller stores still have Christmas merchandise — places like drug stores and specialty shops — with deep discounts.

Foster also suggested consolidating credit card accounts to the one with the lowest interest fees and paying it off as quickly as possible.

Another reminder — get those rebate forms filled out and mailed in. I lost out on a \$10 rebate from Sears because I missed the Jan. 15 deadline.

Anyone willing to contribute ideas, tips or suggestions, please send e-mails to sandyr@htimes.com, fax to 955-9138 or mail to Public Affairs Office, Attn: Redstone Rocket, AMSAM-PA, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

■ Rucker fleet flies to command's control

Support

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contract Oct. 1. "We plan to re-compete the contract with a performance work statement that will specify high performance objectives and appropriate incentives should the contractor meet those objectives," Kruvand said.

"We are the experts in national maintenance and supply support," he said. "We believe we can extend that expertise into enhanced support of flight operations at Fort Rucker."

Maj. Gen Larry Dodgen, AMCOM commander, said in a recent article in Army Aviation magazine, "This new mission is a transformation in logistics and a strategic new move as AMCOM becomes a direct logistics provider."

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Oldest living West Point grad celebrates 102nd birthday

*Retired colonel
served in WW I*

By Sgt. BRADLEY RHEN

Special to the American Forces Press Service

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii — Retired Col. Frank Steer, the oldest living graduate of West Point and a World War I veteran, celebrated his 102nd birthday Jan. 12 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Steer, who was the first provost marshal of the Air Force, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1925. At the celebration Sunday, he received an honorary promotion to the rank of provost marshal general.

In honor of the occasion, state Gov. Linda Lingle proclaimed Jan. 12 "General Steer Day." State Legislature Rep. Guy Ontai, a 1978 West Point graduate, was on hand to read the proclamation.

"Not everyone gets to be 102," Jack Miller, president of the Hawaii Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, said. "He's been a great patriot. He's worked very hard. He served under Gen. (John) Pershing and Gen. (Douglas) MacArthur, and it's a special honor to have him in our chapter."

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) here and U.S. Army, Hawaii, attended the celebration and said it's important for current servicemembers to honor veterans like Steer.

"He's had a tremendous career of service to the United States of America, the Army and the Air Force," Olson said. "It's absolutely incredible that the oldest living graduate of the United States Military Academy is here in Hawaii, this close to us, so we can help celebrate his birthday."

As a birthday present of sorts, Olson gave Steer a black beret with two-star major general rank pinned on.

"The beret's got a pretty long history in the armed forces worldwide," Olson said. "It's something I knew



Photo by Sgt. Bradley Rhen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY— Retired Col. Frank Steer, the oldest living graduate of West Point and a veteran of both World Wars, watches as his cake is cut on his 102nd birthday, Jan. 12. One of his "secrets" for long life: "Wake up every day."

he'd appreciate, because he's seen berets on a lot of people from a lot of different forces. I was honored to place a beret on his head."

Steer was born Jan. 12, 1901, in the Indian Territory that later became part of Oklahoma. His father was a member of the National Guard, and Steer learned to shoot at the age of 8.

He enlisted in the Army when he was 17 and, after training, was shipped off to World War I. He served in the 2nd Army Defensive Area under Pershing and saw combat in France, including the Meuse-Argonne offensive. After the war, Steer was assigned to occupation duty in France, which recently awarded him the French Legion of Honor for his service.

Steer was discharged after occupation duty. He hadn't been out of the Army long, though, when the governor of Oklahoma appointed him to West Point.

"I was a good educational student, but a lousy disciplinarian, graduating No. 10 in mathematics and 243 out of 244 in discipline," Steer said of his cadet time. "After arriving at West Point as a combat veteran of the 'Great War,' I called the upperclassmen 'slackers' and 'draft dodgers.' Thereafter, two of the best hazers of the upperclassmen were assigned to me and were close to my heels at all formations."

Steer still owed 33 area tours in 1999 when officially pardoned on his 98th birthday by West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Dan Christman.

After graduation in 1925, Steer was assigned to teach in the academy's math department. He served in the Philippines during the 1930s and was later assigned to Hawaii as provost marshal of the Hawaiian Department. Right after the Japanese attacked Oahu on Dec. 7, 1941, he became the martial law provost marshal. Later, as mid-Pacific provost marshal, he was responsible for thousands of prisoners of war.

He was assigned to the Pentagon in 1947 as the first provost marshal of the newly established U.S. Air Force. After 32 years in uniform, Steer retired on June 30, 1950, and now lives in Kailua.

As for his secrets to longevity, Steer had a few simple recommendations.

"Chew your food," he told reporters. "It's more important than anything else. If you don't chew your food well, your digestive system won't be able to get all the nutrients out of it." Steer also recommended exercising the mind and body and, simply, "Wake up every day."

Editor's note: Sgt. Bradley Rhen is the editor of the Hawaii Army Weekly, the command newspaper of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, at Schofield Barracks.

Military children can shop for scholarships at commissary

*Essay, activities, community work
figure into annual award selection*

By BONNIE POWELL

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Valentine's Day is fast approaching and the Scholarships for Military Children program has a really sweet deal for military children going to college this fall.

Applications for \$1,500 scholarships are due in at the nearest commissary by Feb. 21, just after Valentine's Day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

"We've made it even easier to apply this year," program liaison Edna Hoogewind of the Defense Commissary Agency said. "Everything a potential applicant needs to know is in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our scholarship page at <http://www.commissaries.com>. The application can be downloaded and filled out by hand, or filled out on the computer and saved as a file. Copies of the application are also avail-

able at commissaries worldwide."

The scholarship essay topic is "How has being the child of a military service member influenced your educational goals?" In past years the essay has been a key factor, along with activities and community involvement, in deciding among the many outstanding applicants.

"Remember, the deadline for returning applications by hand or mail to a commissary is Feb. 21," Hoogewind said. "Applications must be in the store by close of business on that day, and if you are not hand-delivering your application, it's a good idea to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt. Commissaries will bundle up the applications and send them to Scholarship Managers as soon as the deadline passes. Scholarship Managers will only acknowledge final receipt of the applications if students include a self-addressed and stamped post card with their applications."

Hoogewind also advises students to check all their materials carefully for simple things — like making sure the application is signed or that they are using the 2003 application, not one from previous years.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003. Students at community or junior colleges must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization best known for building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Fisher House Foundation uses the services of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs, to screen applicants and award scholarships.

Neither Fisher House nor DeCA are involved in the decision process.

The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly \$1.5 million since the first awards were given in 2001. Scholarships are funded through the voluntary donations of the various manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell products in commissaries.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates nearly 280 commissaries worldwide, providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families. Authorized commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

Powell urges U.N. to not 'shrink' from disarming Iraq

Secretary of state
tells member nations
to enforce resolution

By KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell urged his counterparts from U.N. Security Council member nations not to shrink away from their duties and responsibilities regarding the disarmament of Iraq.

"We cannot be shocked into impotence because we're afraid of the difficult choices that are ahead of us. And so we'll have much work to do, difficult work, in the days ahead," he said Jan. 20 in New York. "But we cannot shrink from the responsibilities of dealing with a regime that has gone about development, acquiring, stocking of weapons of mass destruction; that has committed terrorist acts against its neighbors and against its own people; (and) trampled human rights of its own people and its neighbors."

Powell's comments came at a Security Council ministerial session on halting terrorism. Bush administration officials have consistently maintained disarming Iraq is part of the war on terrorism.

Iraq was given a last chance to disarm in Security Council Resolution 1441, approved unanimously Nov. 8, 2002. On Dec. 8, Iraq delivered a declaration of their weapons and weapons programs.

U.N. inspectors have been working in the country to verify disarmament. The inspectors were scheduled to brief the Security Council on their findings Jan. 27.

In a press conference after the session, Powell said the U.S. government "anxiously await(s) the chief inspector's report," but said he would not "prejudge" what would come next.

The United States and other countries have threatened military action to force Iraq to disarm. The government of Iraq insists the country has no weapons of mass destruction, while the Bush administration has steadfastly maintained the Dec. 8 declaration is completely false.

Powell said the discovery Jan. 16 in Baghdad of a dozen empty warheads designed to carry chemical weapons is a perfect example of Iraq's deception. Iraq disclosed four more such warheads Jan. 19. Iraqi government officials said the warheads had been overlooked in accounting. "They have known for years how many chemical weapons, warheads they have. And so we had to discover, the inspectors had to discover, another cache of them last week. And then suddenly today or yesterday, the Iraqis say, 'Oh, by the way, we found four more,'" Powell said. "They know what they have. It is their obligation to come forward. And we cannot let them dribble this information, and dribble these items out for as long as they choose to in an effort to thwart the will of the interna-

tional community."

He told reporters the United Nations must be firm with Iraq to remain relevant.

"There's no question that Iraq continues not to understand the seriousness of

the position that it is in," Powell said. "And this is the time for it to realize that we will not just allow Iraq to frustrate the will of the United Nations, of the international community."

Rumsfeld speaks on North Korea, Iraq, possible casualties in war

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told members of the foreign press here Jan. 22 that there is no dichotomy in the U.S. approaches taken for Iraq and North Korea.

The secretary and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard Myers spoke at the Foreign Press Center. Reporters asked Rumsfeld if there was a double standard in the treatment of the two rogue nations.

"In the case of North Korea, we're on a diplomatic path," Rumsfeld said. In late 2002, North Korea revealed it had a secret nuclear program and said it was going to restart industrial plants to produce bomb-grade material. Earlier this month, the North Koreans said they were withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Rumsfeld said the United States is working with regional powers to persuade North Korea to stop its nuclear programs. At present, efforts to persuade the North Koreans are on the diplomatic front. "Whether they'll be successful on the diplomatic path, I don't know," he said.

With Iraq, he continued, the United Nations has used every conceivable approach to get Saddam Hussein to carry out his agreements to get rid of his weapons of mass destruction program.

"(The world community) used diplomacy. They've used economic sanctions. They've used 'carrots,' with the oil-for-food program. They've used limited military activity, in the Northern and Southern No-fly zones," he said.

So, for 11 years the international community has tried to get Iraq to honor the 16 U.N. Security Council resolutions it agreed to. U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, passed unanimously last Nov. 8, gives Iraq its last chance to come clean and disarm.

But there is no dichotomy; the United States believes weapons of mass destruction are a danger to the world and nations like Iraq and North Korea shouldn't have them, he said.

Rumsfeld said the world must act together today to stop the spread of these weapons. He said people today do not fear weapons of mass destruction. Yet the proliferation of these weapons is so pervasive that there will be three to five more nuclear powers in five to 10 years.

"And they're not going to be countries like the United Kingdom or France or the United States. They're going to be countries like North Korea. They're going to be terrorist states, and they're going to be states that have relationships with terrorist organizations," he said.

He said developing, transporting and using weapons such as biological agents that can kill hundreds of thousands of human beings is easy. "Now, that is not a problem for the United States only," he said. "It's a problem for the whole world."

Finally, Rumsfeld commented on U.S. casualties if President Bush decides that force is the only alternative. "There is no way to know in a conflict — war is so unpredictable — whether it would last four days or four weeks or four months," he said. "And there's no way to know precisely what the Iraqi regime might do. In the last conflict, ... tens of thousands of Iraqi soldiers switched sides. They just surrendered and said they did not want to support the Iraqi regime. To the extent that's the case, and one would think it could very well be, then obviously the casualties are much less."

The United States has indicated to Saddam Hussein's inner circle that any order to use weapons of mass destruction should be disobeyed. "In the event force has to be used, any person who is in any way connected with the use of weapons of mass destruction would be treated and tried as a war criminal," he said.

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Defense services sign up for short-term enlistments

Incentives designed to attract recruits

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new military short-term enlistment program will begin Oct. 1 aimed at expanding the opportunities for all Americans to serve the country.

Congress authorized the National Call to Service enlistment option as part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

Bob Clark, assistant director in DoD's accession policy directorate, said the program would allow the military services a new option to reach a group of young Americans who otherwise might not serve due to the length of traditional enlistment options.

The program will work like this: A recruit enlists for the option and incurs a 15-month active duty service obligation following completion of initial-entry

training, for a total active duty commitment of about 19 months.

Following successful completion of active duty, servicemembers may re-enlist for further active duty or transfer to the selected reserve for a 24-month obligation.

Once this is completed, servicemembers may stay in the selected reserve or transfer to individual ready reserve for the remainder of their eight-year commitment.

"The unique piece of this legislation is that while in the individual ready reserve, these young people will be given the opportunity to move into one of the other national service programs, such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, and time in those will count toward their eight-year obligation," Clark said.

While the Army and Navy already have a limited two-year enlistment program, this is the first time the Air Force and Marine Corps will offer the option.

Clark stated that the option would be limited to high-quality recruits — those

with a high school diploma and scores in the top half of aptitude tests. Officials hope this will make the military more attractive to college-bound youth who might volunteer to take a short period out between high school and college, but would not take off that three- or four-year period.

He feels the option may also attract college graduates interested in serving their country before attending graduate school. But perhaps the largest potential pool for the option is with community college graduates who might serve the country for a short time and use available incentives to enter a four-year school, Clark said.

There are four incentives under the option. The first is a \$5,000 bonus payable upon completion of active duty service.

The second is a loan-repayment option also paid at the end of the active duty portion. The legislation allows for repayment of up to \$18,000 of qualifying student loans.

The final two incentives are tied to — but not part of — the Montgomery G.I. Bill. One gives 12 months of a full Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend — currently about \$900 a month. "This should attract college graduates looking to go to grad school," Clark said.

The other incentive offers 36 monthly payments at one-half of the current Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend. "We look at this

as being an incentive to both high school graduates or maybe college students who are financially strapped who may need to sit out for a period, serve the country, learn, see the world and then go to school," he said.

The services will set the enlistment criteria. Military specialties that involve long-term training will not be offered. Basic medical specialties, some engineer skills, and personnel, administration and combat specialties will be part of the mix. The first members who opt for this program will go into the delayed-entry program beginning Oct. 1.

Clark was adamant that servicemembers in this program would not be "second class citizens." He said although they will serve shorter periods of time, they would be treated the same way as those with longer-term enlistments.

Traditional enlistment terms are three, four, five and six years, he said. The program will start with a small number of inductees; there is no set number that will indicate success. As the program ramps up, DoD will work with national service organizations to ensure recruits under this program understand all their options.

Clark said the department is coming off its most successful recruiting year ever. "The department does not need this program to fill the ranks," he said. "But we are excited about offering the chance to serve the country to young men and women who ordinarily might not."

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Old Guard soldiers charged with burglaries

*Five facing charges
in thefts from homes*

By CHRIS WALZ
Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va.—Police arrested five soldiers Jan. 15 from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) in connection with residential burglaries in Great Falls, Va., and Potomac, Md.

The soldiers allegedly stole a 2000 Porsche Boxster, a 2001 Mercedes S340, several desktop and laptop computers, a watch and several cameras from the Potomac home. They reportedly took stereo and computer equipment, jewelry, several cameras and two handguns from the Falls Church homes.

Fairfax County police arrested PFC Christopher Thomas Lee, Pvt. Mark Saunders Stewart, PFC Austin Wade Harris and Spec. Clarence Ricky Williams of the Old Guard for the Falls Church burglaries. Montgomery County police arrested PFC Stefan Hill Jan. 15 in connection with the burglary in Potomac, and asked Fairfax County police to detain Lee and Stewart for that crime as well.

Fairfax and Montgomery counties are holding all of the soldiers without bond.

News reports said the Montgomery County suspects used black tactical BDUs and infrared goggles to infiltrate and navigate through the house. An agent familiar with the case said, however, even though investigators found such articles, they could not confirm the articles were used during the break-in. None of the equipment found was military issued.

"It's incredible. It never would have occurred to me it

would be soldiers," homeowner Dandria Michalak told reporters. "It doesn't shake my trust in the military. I'm sure the military is very disappointed they had this type of people there, too. I think most of the military is probably very good. It didn't make me feel bad about the military, it makes me feel bad about them."

Michalak, who lives on River Road in Potomac, was away during Thanksgiving weekend when the break-in occurred. The suspects allegedly entered through an attic vent.

"It was just the most shocking and incredible feeling," she said about returning to find the house burglarized. "We all just started to run frantically around the house."

Criminal Investigation Command special agents received information about the soldiers' possible involvement in a theft ring, officials said. Agents found evidence in the soldiers' barracks, which led them off post to most of the stolen property.

Police said they've recovered 90 percent of the stolen items, including the handguns. Police recovered the Mercedes Dec. 6 in Arlington and the Porsche on Jan. 6 in Washington, according to Montgomery County police officer Derek Baliles.

Lee, Stewart and Harris face three counts of first-degree burglary and two counts of grand larceny. Williams faces two counts of first-degree burglary and two counts of grand larceny. Lee, Stewart and Harris also allegedly burglarized a Radio Shack in Bailey's Crossroads, but police said they do not believe Williams was involved.

The Montgomery County warrants charge Lee, Stewart and Hill with first-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary, theft of over \$500, theft of a 2001 Mercedes S340 and 2000 Porsche Boxster and

unauthorized use of those vehicles.

A Washington Resident Agency CID agent familiar with the case said talks are ongoing between the Army's Judge Advocate General and Fairfax and Montgomery counties to transfer prosecuting rights.

"The military is seeking prosecuting jurisdiction for all of the individuals in this matter," said the agent. "The military can try the suspects quicker and enforce harsher penalties to these soldiers than anyone else."

"As members of the community at large, we are committed to ensuring our soldiers abide by the law and behave as good neighbors," Maj. Gen. James T. Jackson, Military District of Washington commanding general, said. "When they do not, we will ensure all the allegations are thoroughly investigated and dealt with in an appropriate manner."

"We've got some leads we still need to follow up on," the agent said. "We want to make this case as tight as possible."

"We're the lead investigating agency and we still have property we need victims to claim," said the agent. "We've asked Fairfax and Montgomery to help us out. This has been a very cooperative relationship between the three organizations. Everybody helped everybody else. This is how law enforcement is supposed to work."

"We are sharing information with other jurisdictions who believe they had similar incidents perhaps by the same suspects," Baliles said. "Everybody is working very cooperatively with everyone else, including the military. Everybody wants this matter resolved as quickly as possible."

Editor's note: Chris Walz is a staff writer for the Pentagon newspaper.



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Delta takes charge against Charlie in second half



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WINNING STRATEGY— Delta players hear the second-half plan during intermission. Standing, from left, are Laquaine Bess, player-coach Cedric Tims and Greg White. Seated, from left, are Keith Broughton, Sheldon Goldsmith and Bruce Hollis. Delta outscored Charlie 28-14 in the second half and won 49-38.

Defensive change sparks comeback

By SKIP VAUGHN
Rocket editor
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Delta player-coach Cedric Tims had plenty of room on the bench when his starters took the basketball court against Charlie Company.

Tims was the lone reserve.

With only six players available, Delta couldn't count on wearing down the younger student players. So, the Devastating Dragons used their savvy and changed their defense after trailing at halftime.

The result was a 49-38 win for unbeaten Delta on Jan. 22 at Pagano Gym. The Dragons improved to 4-0 while Charlie fell to 2-2.

"I think our maturity really prevailed this game," Tims said. "They looked at these old guys and said they couldn't play, plus with this short bench."

"The difference in the second half was we started taking our time. We changed up our defense and started taking our time on offense. They thought by playing man-to-man they'd take our wind out of us, only having six players. We changed up our defense on them. They really didn't know how to adjust to our defense."

The Dragons changed from a 2-3 zone to a 1-3-1 zone, putting more pressure on Charlie's 3-point shooters. The Wolfpack had four 3-pointers in the first half but only two after intermission.

Delta's Bruce Hollis had a game-high 18 points, including 12 in the second half. Sheldon Goldsmith had 11 points and five rebounds while Laquaine Bess had 10 points and nine rebounds.

"Rebounding is important," Bess, a 6-foot center/forward, said. "It's a key aspect in winning the game, along with defense. Second half, we changed up on defense and put more pressure on the ball."

"Basically when they first came out,

they were hitting all their jump shots," guard Greg White said. "Second half, we settled down and we started going down low and we got some steals. We started posting Hollis down low and that was the difference in the game; him and Bess basically. We just took over down low. And they stopped hitting their jump shots plus they had some turnovers. We just stayed calm and we executed and that's all it was."

Delta's other starter, Keith Broughton, had eight points and two steals.

Jonathan Wilson scored 12 points and Raheem Schoolfield had eight points with eight rebounds for the Wolfpack who led 24-21 at halftime.

"We played excellent first half but second half we kind of got behind and we lost confidence," Wilson, a 5-foot-10 point guard, said. "And when we lose confidence, we tend to fold over. Plus we were playing without our leading scorer (Billy Chatman, who had duty that night). We've got an excellent ball club, though."

On the other side of the court, six players were enough for the unbeaten Dragons. Tims, the coach and reserve guard, was asked how good is Delta.

"We're not the best team that Delta Company has put together but what we have is heart and hustle," he said. "You have to have heart and hustle with only six players. We have three other players — Tyrone Tention, Stanley Lewis and Johnnie Walker — that are attending college. So the lineup changes from Monday to Tuesday."

But lack of depth doesn't seem to deter the Dragons. "We've got the potential to go all the way," Bess said.

Other results from Jan. 21-22 included Headquarters & Alpha d. Bravo team-2 45-14, Bravo-1 d. Charlie 41-38, Alabama A&M ROTC d. Alpha 131st 58-41, NCO Academy d. AMCOM 61-42 and Alabama A&M ROTC d. Marines 78-56. Last Thursday's games were postponed because of snow and reset for Jan. 27, moving the season schedule forward a day.

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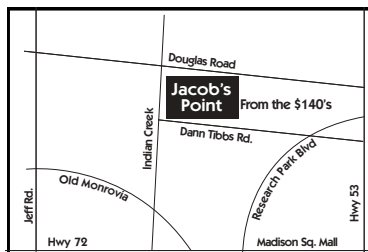
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Hunting should trigger a more manageable deer herd

Buck to doe ratio shows imbalance

By **DANNY DUNN**
Natural resources chief

The deer population and its management are important to many people within the Redstone community. To hunters, the deer herd provides opportunities to hunt throughout the hunting season. To others, the deer population provides an opportunity to see and enjoy nature. So whether you hunt or not, deer and their management may be important to you.

The natural resources division of the Directorate of Environment and Safety is responsible for managing surveys and providing population data to determine deer population management requirements. The current estimate for the total population of deer on Redstone Arsenal is approximately 3,900 animals. This estimate is based on spot light surveys conducted from 1998 to 2000 with followup spot surveys in 2001-02, with the population remaining fairly constant over this time. The habitat at Redstone is very good with sufficient browse and mast producing trees to support the existing or an even larger population. However, Redstone does not try to increase the population above this point because the potential for deer strikes by vehicles would be increased.



Courtesy photo

WILDLIFE— Though there are plenty of deer around, the population on post is imbalanced with many more does than bucks, according to the resource management division.

The initial surveys conducted in 1998 indicated a buck to doe ratio of 1:13. The last survey indicated a buck to doe ratio of 1:15. This shows that the sex ratio of the deer population is drastically out of balance in favor of does. The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries recommends a population sex ratio goal of 1 buck to 1 doe. Because survey results show Redstone's deer population is so far out of balance, the Arsenal has set a management sex ratio goal of 1 buck to 3 does.

The installation biologist uses the hunting season as a management tool for managing the deer population. For the last five years, the natural resources division has been trying to increase the ratio of bucks to does by setting hunting season quotas of only 50 bucks and up to 400 does.

The hunting season is open and will close on Jan. 31. During the 2002-03 season, to date, 55 bucks and 157 does were harvested. These numbers are similar to the number of bucks and does that have been killed in the preceding several seasons. While more does than bucks are being harvested on Redstone, the current sex ratio estimate demonstrates that not enough are being harvested to significantly affect the population sex ratio.

Under optimum conditions, the resource management division expects to see 80 percent of all does 2.5 years old and older lactating. However, data from this season shows only 49 percent of the does 2.5 and older produced fawns this year, rather than 80 percent expected. Further, it was expected that at least 25 percent of the 1.5 year old does would produce fawns. Data from this season shows only about 1 percent of does 1.5 produced a fawn. Data also

indicates a seven-year decline in the percent of 1.5 does producing fawns. This reduction in reproduction is the result of the population sex ratio being drastically out of balance.

Unfortunately, a disproportionately large percentage of the young bucks are being harvested, resulting in fewer older and potentially trophy class bucks overall. Typically, does and immature bucks always dominate a population with this type of harvest on the buck population. This type of imbalance results in very few older deer being taken.

Though there are plenty of deer around, the population is not in balance. The resource management division is committed to managing the herd to restore an acceptable sex ratio and reestablishing a balanced deer population. The resource management division is working through the new Redstone Arsenal Hunting and Fishing Board to make hunting a better tool to help manage the deer herd on the installation. The benefit of a managed herd will be a more balanced ecosystem; and once the sex ratio is balanced, hunters may also have the opportunity to harvest more and larger bucks.

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Sports & Recreation

Boating safety classes

Redstone Flotilla 2406 offers boating safety classes in room 215 at building 3305, Stillwell Hall, on Zeus Drive. Classes will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 13 through March 27, April 10 through May 22, June 12 through July 24, Aug. 14 through Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 through Nov. 20. A \$22 fee covers the cost of the class text and binder. For more information or to register, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 (work) or 830-6621 (home).

Youth baseball signup

Youth Services will soon begin registering children ages 5-12 for spring baseball, softball and T-ball leagues. Registration is Feb. 13 through March 7. Cost is \$15 per child or \$35 per family per year for Central Registration at building 1500; \$35 per child for baseball, softball or T-ball fee. Leagues are open to children of active duty and retired military personnel, DoD/Army, contractor and NASA. A birth certificate and current physical must be submitted for each child's registration (if not already on file and current). Anyone interested may register at the Challenger in building 1500 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Practices begin in early April; and league play runs from May through June. Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches are needed. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.



Conferences & Meetings

Military officers association

The Military Officers Association of America, formerly The Retired Officers Association, will hold its monthly luncheon today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Retired Brig. Gen. Rod Wolfe, president of the Alabama Council of Chapters, MOAA, is to speak and install the chapter's new officers. For more information, call Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.

Diabetic support group

The Diabetic Support Group will meet Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Todd Broome, kidney specialist with Nephrology Associates. For more information call 880-7080, ext. 226.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 20 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at Redstone Golf Club. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.



Miscellaneous

Apprentice program

The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is held each summer to give academically talented high school and col-

lege students research experience with mentors at the Aviation and Missile Command. Applications are available from high school senior counselors or college placement services; and the deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call Betty Duke of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center 313-4790.

Weather closings

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: Radio — WAHR, 99.1FM; WDRM, 102FM; WEKR, 1240AM; WEUP, 1600 AM; WGSV, 1270AM; WJAB, 90.9FM; WLRH, 89.3FM; WRAB, 1380AM; WRSA, 97FM; WTKI, 1450AM; WVNN, 770AM; WWIC, 1050AM; WZYP, 104.3FM; Television — WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures. You can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement or you can log on to the Team Redstone Internet site (www.redstone.army.mil) and click the button for weather information.

Challenger bingo

The Challenger will hold Valentine's Night Bingo, Feb. 14. Attendees will receive free bingo game, champagne and chocolates. "Come to our fun Valentine's party with a chance to win \$10,000; jackpot game of \$5,000," a prepared release said. "We also offer a progressive jackpot." Challenger bingo, at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, is open to the entire Redstone community age 19-plus. Active and retired military, DoD/Army civilians and Redstone/ NASA contractors are welcome. For more information, call 830-0750.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting applications for Merit Awards to help offset the cost of tuition, books and related fees. Applications are available at OCWC board meetings and luncheons, and the deadline is Saturday. Applicants must: be a member, spouse of a member, or dependent of an OCWC member in good standing as of last Oct. 1 and live within 50 miles of Huntsville. Candidates may compete in one of four categories — high school senior, undergraduate, graduate and member/spouse. Previous winners may compete in succeeding years, but may win only once in each category. Students receiving full scholarship may not apply. For more information about Merit Awards call Diane Moore, merit awards chairman, 864-2670.

Scholarship program

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers announces its annual scholarship program for ASMC members and their immediate families. This scholarship is open to high school seniors, undergraduates and those working on graduate programs. The application can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.asmconline.org/national/nationalawards.shtml> or you may call Jan

Howard 313-3447 or Debbie O'Neal 842-7501. Application deadline is Feb. 28. These may be mailed to Howard at PEO, Air and Missile Defense, Attn.: SFAE-AMD-BD-SF, P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, Ala., 35807-3801 or taken to O'Neal, building 5300, third floor, Sparkman Center.

Welfare contributions

Every year the Officer and Civilian Women's Club makes contributions to variety of organizations. This year a "Welfare Request Form" is being used to standardize the process by collecting the same information from each requesting organization. Welfare Request Forms are available at Army Community Service (building 3338), by mail (OCWC, Attn: Welfare Chairman, P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808), and via e-mail from adlunn@knology.net or dbusk@aol.com. All requests must conform to the OCWC Welfare Request Form. The request deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, call Angie Lunn 837-3310 or Dede Busk 430-1083.

National Guard recruiting

The Alabama Army National Guard is seeking motivated individuals for part-time employment. "Start or continue your military career with the best part-time job in America," a prepared release said. If you know someone who needs college money, job training, retirement or just wants to serve their country, call SSgt. Joe Cox 881-2889 or 707-8467 or call Sgt. Mike Alexander 350-1610.

Fashion benefit

The eighth annual Designers Against Breast Cancer/Runway Extravaganza is March 1 at the Senior Center auditorium. The reception, auction and exhibits begin at 6 p.m., and the fashion show at 7. Tickets are \$20 each. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Interested exhibitors, and silent auction contributors, should call Ms. Smith 539-0001.

Drill sergeant of year

The 59th Ordnance Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Year luncheon is Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For tickets and information, call SFC Lopez 842-6861 or Sgt. Maj. Battle 842 9767.

Garden plot assignments

Soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians should submit an annual request for the use of individual garden plots by March 10. Individuals wishing to retain their same garden plot should contact SFC Pate, the housing NCO-in-charge, from Jan. 30 through Feb. 14. Those failing to notify Pate by the prescribed dates are subject to assignment of a different garden plot. Priority of issue is as follows: first, active duty military request their plots Feb. 15 through March 1; second, retirees request their plots March 2-16; and third, DoD civilians make their requests March 17-31.

Art auction

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Butler High alums

The 1968 and 1969 classes of Butler High School will hold a reunion this year. For more information call Jeannie Sharpe King 772-1963, Glenda Swafford Anderson 837-9789 or Bill Baker 533-7234.

Airborne recruits

The Airborne Recruiting Team will visit Redstone Arsenal from Feb. 18-21. Information on when and where will be provided later. In the Ordnance field, PERSCOM is particularly interested in enlisted personnel in the following specialties: 27E, 35H, 35Y and 55B. For more information call SFC Tracy of Fort Knox, Ky., at DSN 536-0427.

National prayer breakfast

Chaplain (Col.) Sam Boone, assistant commandant of the Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, S.C., is to speak at the National Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 6 at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The officer-in-charge is Chaplain (Maj.) Fred MacLean of Bicentennial Chapel. Tickets are on sale for a suggested donation of \$3. For more information or tickets, call the chapel 876-2409.

Newcomers orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation Feb. 4 at 8:30 a.m. at building 3338. The orientation features

speakers, information booths, refreshments and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Participants receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently stationed at Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397. Building 3338 is located at the intersection of Mauler and Redeye Road.

Youth arts contest

The Military Child Education Coalition is looking for children's artwork, poems and essays for April publishing of its "On the move" and "Month of the Military Child" magazines, as well as a 2004 calendar. The theme is "I Serve Too, I'm a Military Child." Any child in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade may enter. All work must be patriotic and mailed to Military Child Education Coalition, 108-E FM 2410, Suite D, Harker Heights, TX 76548. Entry deadline is Feb. 4. For information call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Reading to children

Become a Redstone community volunteer reader and read to children at the Child Development Center each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 5. Call Shellie or Evelyn 876-7952 to volunteer or for more information.

Bible study

The Bicentennial Chapel invites all women with access to the Arsenal to participate in a Lunch Time Bible Study. Participants are starting the study "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" on Jan. 30, and will meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Bring your own lunch and join them in the assembly room. To reserve your spot, e-mail the following: newtiques@earthlink.net.

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Photo by Steve Dempsey

Flight orientation

Redstone Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol flew cadets, in front row from left, Johnathon Johnson, Chris Hulsey and Michelle Kimbrough for their second power flight orientation ride Jan. 18. In second row are pilots Maj. Jim Harris, left, and 2nd Lt. Dani Richard. Out of three sorties planned, only the first was completed. The other two were scrubbed because of weather and are rescheduled. All cadets were able to get some flight time and return safely.



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Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its eighth annual Seminar and Education Forum, Feb. 11 at the Huntsville Hilton. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the last class will end at 3:45 p.m. For more information, call Julie Manning 876-1501. Tuition is \$125.

Acquisition experience

The Army Acquisition Support Center sponsors the Acquisition Career Experience program at various Army locations. The program's intent is to recruit high-potential undergraduate sophomores or juniors with a discipline of study that underpins one of the Army's acquisition career fields of engineering, contracting, information technology, business or logistics. For more information, call Sharon Clodfelter 955-1632 or Maxine Maples 955-2764.

Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards to a high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is April 30. For more information or a scholarship application, call Patricia Motes 876-9317.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-3 p.m. The shop is now accepting home crafted items. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop will be open for sales this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will have a large selection of stuffed animals at bargain prices. For more information, call 881-6992.

Air Force association

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association has established a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2003-04 school year in partnership with Calhoun Community College for students wishing to pursue an associate degree in aerospace technology.

Applicants must be enrolled in a Civil Air Patrol cadet program, Air Force Junior ROTC program, or be a dependent of an Air Force, Air National Guard, or Air Force Reserve member or be a dependent of another military service member. Application deadline is April 30. For more information, call Terry Roop 313-7170 before 4:30 p.m. or 230-0396 after 5:30.

Theatre touring company

You won't want to miss the 2003 BRAVO Army Theatre Touring Company's production of "Lift Up Your Hearts America." In its third season, this year's BRAVO company featuring all active duty soldiers will perform more than 80 shows in 16 states, Germany, Italy, the Balkans and the Middle East. This musical will revue and highlight some of the great works in American theatre as well as poignant poetry and life stories of Americans across the country. Selections from West Side Story, Shenandoah, George M., Woody Guthrie, Carole King, Chuck Berry, James Brown, and Maya Angelou are just a few of the shows, artists and writers that will be highlighted in this production. Redstone Arsenal MWR will host the dinner theatre performance Feb. 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club ballroom beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. followed by a prime rib dinner at 7. The performance will begin at 8. Tickets are available for \$13.95 (club members) and \$15.95 (non-members). Members of the Redstone community and their guests are invited. For more information, call 830-2582 or Brandie DeRemer 313-1203.

Spring break registration

Child and Youth Services will accept applications to the Spring Break & Summer Camps at the School Age Services (grades K-5) and Youth Services (grades 6-12) programs from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 13 through March 14. Spring Break Camps are March 17-28. Application and registration information packets may be picked up at central registration in the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Registration costs \$15 and a current immunization record must accompany registration. Cost is based on family income per DoD regulations. This program is open to children of all military and military retirees, DoD/Army civilians, NASA, and DoD/Redstone contractors. Call 876-3704 or 955-6309 for details.

Breastfeeding basics

Child and Youth Services is offering a free "Breastfeeding Basics" class for expectant mothers who plan to nurse their infants. The class will be held Feb. 12

from 9-10 a.m. at the ChildWise Center, building 1413 on Spartan Drive. This class is open to the entire Redstone community to include contractors. To register or for more information, call 876-2798.

Redstone missile reunion

Aug. 18 will mark the 50th anniversary of the launching of the first Redstone missile at Cape Canaveral. Individuals who were involved in the design, testing or launch of this missile are invited with their families to a reunion dinner on or about Aug. 18 at the Bevill Center in Huntsville. For more information, call Bill Pittman 876-1778.

Project proposals

The fiscal 2004 DoD Challenge Project is open for proposals from the work force. The Department of Defense's high performance computing resources should be dedicated to the highest priority and most demanding projects. Each year, the High Performance Computing Modernization Program conducts a review of the department's most important, high-priority, computationally intensive projects to determine which projects will receive DoD Challenge Project grants. Members of the local DoD community should send their submissions to Marshall McBride at the following address: Space & Missile Defense Battle Lab, Attn: SMDC-BL-SC (McBride), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801. He can be reached at 955-1355.

Pancake breakfast

Kiwanis Club of Huntsville West will hold a Pancake Breakfast, Saturday from 7-11 a.m. at Ed White Middle School, Sparkman Drive. Cost is \$5 at the door for all you can eat. Proceeds will benefit Kiwanis Club of Huntsville West, sponsored charities and Ed White Middle School.

Charitable organizations

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from federated groups, charitable organizations or a combination thereof, for participation in the 2003 fund-raising campaign. In accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950, an organization must have 501-c-3 status, proof of human health and welfare services, an annual audit/IRS 990 Form, and a board of directors. The open period for acceptance of application packages is March 17 to April 7. Contributions to this fund-raising campaign are received from federal employees, active military personnel, retired federal employees, and governmental contractor personnel from Madison, Morgan,

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Forward Flight Flying Qualities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trimming the helicopter stat • Changing power conditions • Speed stability • Effect of center-of-gravity position • The phugoid mode • Dihedral effect • Dutch rolls and spiral dives • The aerodynamic environment at the empennage and tail rotor • Change of main rotor torques in rolls • Cross-coupling 	Hover Flying Qualities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes a hovering helicopter unstable? • Ways to provide stability • Effect of hinge offset on controllability • Desired response characteristics • Lateral trim 	

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Art museum benefit

"Splendor in the Glass," annual wine-tasting and silent auction, sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Huntsville Museum of Art will be held Friday evening at the museum. Cost is \$65 to attend this fund-raiser by reservation only. For information call Sandy Nall 535-4350, ext. 228.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Friday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Kroger store at the corner of Winchester Road and Moores Mill. Everyone who is at least age 17, in good health, weighs more than 110 pounds and has not donated within the last 56 days is encouraged to donate blood, according to the American Red

Cross. All donors will receive a free T-shirt, Domino's pizza coupon and Chick-Fil-A sandwich coupon.

Security tip

Validate security clearance and need-to-know, the Intelligence and Security Directorate says. For more information, call the directorate 313-1047 or 313-1593.

Beginning with babies

A free class for expectant parents or parents of newborn babies, "Beginning with Babies," is Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at ChildWise, building 1413 on Spartan Drive. This class is open to the entire Redstone community to include contractors. To register or for more information, call 876-2798.

Symphony concert

The Huntsville Symphony Chamber Orchestra presents its second concert of the season Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. Taavo Virkhaus will conduct. General seating admission is \$15 for adults, \$7 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 539-4818. Tickets are also available online at www.hso.org.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Winter wonderland

Rick Burcham, a technical writer in Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, walks toward building 5300 at the Sparkman Center on Thursday. Redstone Arsenal opened two hours later than normal that morning because of snow. "Nobody will believe it snowed down here," Burcham said.

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AS OF JAN 24 03	POSITION TITLE	DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U				
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
02BK014048MS1	General Engineer	30-Jan-03	PEO SIM	GS-0801	14	14	76,580 - 99,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0137728OD2	Lead General Engineer	30-Jan-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0148742OD2	Lead Materials Engineer	30-Jan-03	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03153523	Admin Support Asst	30-Jan-03	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0303	7	7	31,674 - 41,177	X															
SCBK03155431	International Program Mgrt	30-Jan-03	SAMD	GS-0301	12	12	56,185 - 73,041	X															
SCBK03150350	Engineering Technician	30-Jan-03	TMDE	GS-0802	7	7	31,674 - 41,177	X															
02BK0150688KJ2	Office Automation Asst	30-Jan-03	PEO AVIATION	GS-0326	6	6	28,503 - 37,035	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0150069FA2	Electronics Engineer	31-Jan-03	AMROEC	DB-0855	3	3	56,185 - 86,859	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
03BK0129518MR2	Electronics Engineer	31-Jan-03	RTTC	GS-0855	12	12	56,559 - 73,041	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
07BK0140778BM1	IT Specialist (PLCYPLN)	31-Jan-03	CIC	GS-2210	14	14	76,580 - 99,552	X	X														
SCBK03143534	Supvy General Engineer	2-Feb-03	TMDE	GS-0801	14	14	78,953 - 102,642	X	X														
02BK0142077MW2	Lead General Engineer	6-Feb-03	AMROEC	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03140541	Supvy Electronics Engr	8-Feb-03	TMDE	GS-0855	14	14	78,953 - 102,642	X															
03BK0145718MR2	Supvy General Engineer	13-Feb-03	ACQ SPT CTR	GS-0801	15	15	92,871 - 120,732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK060778JH3	Equipment Specialist (Gen)	27-Feb-03	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,275 - 70,555	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK065826JH3	Equipment Specialist (Air)	27-Feb-03	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,275 - 70,555	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0665	Audiologist/Speech Pathologist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0665	11-13	13	44,666 - 86,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0683	Dental Lab Technician	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0683	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0603	Physician's Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0603	11-13	13	46,589 - 86,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0682	Dental Hygienist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0682	5-7	7	25,467 - 45,493	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0681	Dental Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0681	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0680	Dental Officer	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0680	12	12	55,958 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0662	Optometrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0662	11-13	13	46,589 - 86,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0668	Podiatrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0668	11-13	13	46,589 - 86,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0610	Registered Nurse	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-12	12	38,588 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2653	Medical Technologist (VOS)	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0644	7-9-10	11-12	31,546 - 72,746	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2673	Social Worker	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0185	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2682	Counseling Psychologist	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0180	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK031074*DC1	Supvy General Supply Specialist	31-Dec-03	GARRISON	GS-2001	13	13	64,803 - 84,241	X															
SCBK03127239	Architect	2-Jan-04	CoFE Huntsville	GS-0808	11	12	47,240 - 70,641	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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X-AO-03-4684-RD	Public Affairs	29-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-1036	9	9	37,744 - 60,946	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4710-RD	Electronic Engineer	31-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	3	3	56,185 - 86,859	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4692-RD	Mechanical Engineer	31-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0830	3	3	56,185 - 86,859	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4707-ST	Health Systems Spec	31-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0671	9	9	38,744 - 50,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4536-ST	Electronics Engineer	31-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0855	12	12	54,954 - 70,841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4576-	Lead General Engineer	7-Feb-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	78,953 - 120,732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4580-HW	Lead Materials Engineer	7-Feb-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0806	4	4	78,953 - 120,732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4663-ST	Medical Records Techn	7-Feb-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0675	8	8	35,078 - 45,602	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4695-RD	Lead General Engineer	14-Feb-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	78,953 - 120,732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC
- B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required)
- D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F - All Federal Employees
- H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I - Interagency Career Transition Assistant Plan (ICTAP) (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R - Reinstatement eligibles (Former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement)
- T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEDA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required)
- U - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e., Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com, or you may telephone 876-7772.

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\$7,695. 232-3540

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